GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he called upon the mayors of differnet cities on September 22, 2000 to initiate a civic renaissance movement in thier respective cities and create an overall environment of honesty, dedication and result orientation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by the Union Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): A two day Mayors` Conference on Healthy Cities was jointly organised by HUDCO and the World Health Organisation on 21st and 22nd September, 2000 at New Delhi.
The Hon`ble Minister for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, in his inaugural address, emphasised the need for implementtion of programmes of Government of India in their right earnest. He felt that States have a responsibility to provide equitable, clean and healthy environment to its people and, at the same time, people should come forward to help themselves and contribute to this effort.

(c): Local Government is a state subject. The Union Government, however, has been providing assistance to the States through the Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Mega City Scheme, Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), Low Cost Sanitation and Liberation of Scavengers (LCS), Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Shelter and Sanitation Facility for the Footpath Dwellers in Urban Areas (SSFFDUA) aimed at infrastructural development and providing clean and healthy environment.